Conference of District Magistrates on Administrative reforms

1972. SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the measures Government propose to take to give concrete shape and implementation thereof to the Prime Minister's telling the gathering of 354 District Magistrates in Delhi during June that "they should have a fixed tenure and that, in any case, they must never be transferred for political reasons";

(b) whether Government would initially arriving at a concensus with the State Governments in this regard as different political parties run the State Governments, so that uniform acceptable guidelines are issued to this effect; and

(c) by when such an exercise is likely to be completed ensuring, at the same time, that scope of legal infirmities in such guidelines in avoided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The Central Government has initiated a proposal for amendment of relevant All India Services rules and regulations to provide for a fixed tenure of posting of All India Services officers at various levels.

(b) The Government would consult State Governments and would give due consideration to their views while taking a decision on the issue.

(c) No time frame has been fixed for amending the rules, as the process requires consultation with State Governments, Ministry of Law etc.

Watchdog Committees to assess government's performance

1973. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to constitute watchdog committees to assess the performance of the various Ministries and Departments of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof including their composition, tenure, functions and their *modus operandi*;

(c) by when such Committees are likely to commence their work;

(d) whether recommendations/findings of these Committees would be binding on Government; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Employment to dependent of deceased employees

1974. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines/criteria for providing employment to the dependents of deceased Central Government employees;

(b) the number of such dependents absorbed in service during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that needy dependents have been waiting for absorption in service for over five-six years;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) what measures are contemplated to minimize the waiting period for absorption in service of the dependents of deceased Government employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (e) Under the extant policy, dependent family members of deceased Central Government employees can be considered for appointment on compassionate grounds by the respective Administrative Departments in relaxation of the normal recruitment procedure. Such appointments are to be made in most deserving cases, upto a maximum of 5% of direct recruitment vacancies in Group 'C' and 'D' categories of posts to be filled in a year. A request for compassionate appointment can be kept under consideration for a maximum period of three years. Information on total number of compassionate appointments made by the various Government Departments is not centrally maintained. At present, there is no proposal to relax this policy.